

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph starting on line 16 with the following:

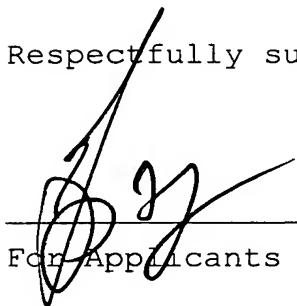
-- There are many known household appliances with a display device. For example, European Patent ~~Application~~ 0 715 235 B1 discloses a household appliance that is equipped with a display device. The household appliance has an operating panel on which pushbuttons for setting programs and additional functions are disposed and, in separate display blocks, optical display devices are disposed in the form of light-emitting diodes ~~[[LEDs]]~~ (LEDs). Apart from LEDs, also used are vacuum-fluorescent diodes (VFDs) and liquid crystals in liquid crystal displays (LCDs). --

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The purpose of the preliminary amendment is to correct
clerical errors.

An early action on the merits of the claims is requested.

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